

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

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1. A method for providing interactive media services in a subscriber network television system, the method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a first user input from a remote control device indicating a user's desire to select an item of displayed media content information; and
 - receiving a second user input from the remote control device indicating the user's desire to drag the item of the media content information to a destination desired by a user.
 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a third user input corresponding to a change in direction of the displayed media content information item.
 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a fourth and fifth user input corresponding to the cessation of the first user input and the second user input, respectively, to release the displayed media content information item at the destination desired by the user.
 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the movement of the displayed media content information item as the second user input is received.
 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a second user input further includes the step of picking-up the selected media content information item.
 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the second user input further includes the step of storing the coordinates of the original residence of the media content information item and the television screen coordinates of the media content information item as the item is dragged across the television screen in a memory in the client device.

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1 14. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of changing the features of the
2 media graphical icon depending on the media content information item type and the
3 media content information item location on the television screen.

1 15. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of dropping off the dragged media
2 content information item in at least one graphical container displayed in at least one
3 television screen.

1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of browsing a list of media
2 content information items located in the graphical container.

1 17. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of activating an operation by
2 dropping off the dragged media content information item into a graphical activation
3 container.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the activating step further includes at least one of
2 the following: activating a reminder timer and activating a media recording.

1 19. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the media content
2 information item.

1 20. The method of claim 19, wherein the displaying step is configured by a local client
2 device.

1 21. The method of claim 19, wherein the displaying step is configured by a remote server.

1 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing feedback to the user
2 in response to at least one of the receiving steps.

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23. A system for providing interactive media services in a subscriber network television system, the system comprising:
a memory for storing logic; and
a processor for executing the logic stored in memory, such that the logic is configured to generate a user interface on a screen, wherein the screen is responsive to user input, such that the logic is configured to cooperate with the remote control device to cause an item of media content information to be selected and translated across the screen. 24. The system of claim 23, further comprising a media graphical icon that visually represents the media content information item on the display screen.

25. The system of claim 23, wherein the media graphical icon includes changing features depending on the media content information item type and the media content information item location on the display screen.

26. The system of claim 23, wherein the memory further comprises the coordinates of the original residence of a picked-up media content information item and a corresponding media graphical icon and the display screen coordinates of the media content information item and the media graphical icon the media content information item and the media graphical icon are moved across the display screen.

27. The system of claim 23, wherein the screen coordinates are stored as at least one of the following: absolute screen coordinates and coordinates relative to the original residence of the media graphical icon and the media content information item.

28. The system of claim 23, wherein the memory further comprises a media content title and its corresponding media content title information.

29. The system of claim 23, further comprising at least one graphical container on the display screen, wherein the graphical containers represent destinations for at least one of the moved media content information items.

30. The system of claim 29, wherein the graphical containers include browsable list entries for the media content information items.

1 31. The system of claim 29, wherein the graphical containers have alterable features that
2 provide feedback when the media content information item on the television screen is
3 spatially close to the graphical container.

1 32. The system of claim 29, wherein at least one of the graphical containers include
2 graphical activation containers for enabling operations on the media content
3 information items.

1 33. The system of claim 32, wherein the graphical activation containers include a
2 reminder timer container and a media content recording container.

1 34. The system of claim 23, wherein the television screen comprises a displayed origin
2 for at least one media content information item to enable the user to select the desired
3 media content information item.

1 35. The system of claim 34, wherein the displayed origin has alterable features that
2 provide feedback when a media content information item on the television screen is
3 selected.

1 36. The system of claim 34, wherein the displayed origin includes at least one of the
2 following: a table with entries and a graphical icon.

1 37. The system of claim 23, wherein the remote control device further comprises at least
2 an activation button and at least one arrow key.

1 38. The system of claim 37, wherein the logic is further configured to receive a signal
2 from the remote control device corresponding to the concurrent pressing of the
3 activation button and at least one of the arrow keys to cause a corresponding media
4 content information item movement, wherein the logic is further configured to receive
5 a signal from the remote control device corresponding to a subsequent deactivation of
6 the activation button to cause a corresponding media content information item
7 movement completion.

1 39. The system of claim 37, wherein the logic is further configured to receive a signal
2 from the remote control device corresponding to quickly repeated pressing of the
3 activation button and releasing the activation button to cause the commencement of a
4 movement mode, wherein the logic is further configured to receive a signal from the
5 remote control device after commencement of the movement mode, wherein the signal
6 corresponds to a subsequent pressing of at least one of the arrow keys, wherein the
7 logic responsively causes the media content information item movement, wherein the
8 logic is further configured to receive a signal from the remote control device
9 corresponding to the subsequent pressing of the activation button to cause the media
10 content information item movement completion.

1 40. The system of claim 37, wherein the logic is further configured to receive a signal
2 from the remote control device corresponding to an extended duration single pressing
3 of the activation button and subsequent release of the activation button to cause the
4 commencement of a movement mode, wherein the logic is further configured to
5 receive a signal from the remote control device corresponding to the pressing of at
6 least one of the arrow keys to cause the media content information item movement,
7 wherein the logic is further configured to receive a signal from the remote control
8 device corresponding to the subsequent pressing of the activation button to cause the
9 media content information item movement completion.

1 41. The system of claim 37, wherein the remote control device further includes a
2 movement mode button, wherein the logic is further configured to receive a signal
3 from the remote control device corresponding to the pressing of the movement mode
4 button to commence the movement mode, wherein the logic is further configured to
5 receive a signal from the remote control device corresponding to the pressing of at
6 least one of the arrow keys to cause the media content information item movement,
7 wherein the logic is further configured to receive a signal from the remote control
8 device corresponding to the pressing of the activation button to cause the media
9 content information item movement completion.

1 42. The system of claim 37, wherein the remote control device further includes a second
2 activation button configured by the logic to commence the media content information
3 item movement, and a third activation button configured by the logic to complete the
4 media content information item movement.

1 43. The system of claim 23, wherein the logic is implemented in a remote server.

1 44. The system of claim 23, wherein the logic is implemented in local client device.